# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY FOR TOURISTS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Australian Government has directed its citizens to defer their travel plan to India;

(b) if so, whether the foreign tourists visiting India has been affected due to frequent terrorist incidents in the country;

(c) if so, the foreign tourists visited India during 2004 and 2005, till date;

(d) the action taken by the Government for the safety/security of foreign tourists; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase foreign tourists?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): The Australian Government's current travel advice to its citizens is to exercise safety precautions while traveling to India.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Details of foreign tourist arrivals to the country during 2004 and 2005 (till November) are given below:

| | 2004 | Jan. - Nov. 2005 |
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| Foreign Tourist Arrivals | 3367980 (+23.5% as compared to 2003) | 3346960 (+13.5% as compared to Jan-Nov. 2004) |

(d): Safety and security is a State subject. The Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments / UTs for deployment of Tourism Police at all important tourist centres / destinations for the safety of tourists.

(e): The Ministry of Tourism, through the Indiatourism offices overseas, undertakes a series of promotional activities in tourist generating markets overseas for increasing the number of foreign tourists visiting India. These include advertising, participation in fairs and exhibitions, organizing seminars, workshops and road shows, publication of brochures, joint advertising support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry.